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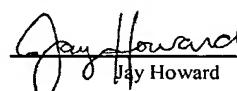


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In re Application of: Defossé et al.  
Serial No.: 10/722,954  
Date Filed: November 26, 2003  
Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Title: *System, Method and Apparatus for Vending Machine  
Wireless Audit and Cashless Transaction Transport*

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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form, and previously cited in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/971,170, filed October 4, 2001, by Erin M. Defossé, and entitled *Remote Data Acquisition, Transmission and Analysis System Including Handheld Wireless Equipment*, be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these references are not being furnished. Applicants are enclosing copies of certain references listed in the attached PTO-1449 form which were not previously cited in the above-mentioned patent. Furthermore, since the present Application was filed after June 30, 2003, a copy of any U.S. Patent and any U.S. Patent Application

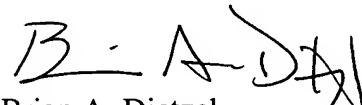
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D.	4661862	04/28/87	Thompson	358	335	04/27/84
E.	4677565	06/30/87	Ogaki et al.	364	479	02/11/86
F.	4766548	08/23/88	Cedrone et al.	364	479	01/02/87
G.	4850009	07/18/89	Zook et al.	379	96	05/31/88
H.	4954697	09/04/90	Kokubun et al.	235	381	04/06/89
I.	5029098	07/02/91	Lavasseur	364	479	01/27/89
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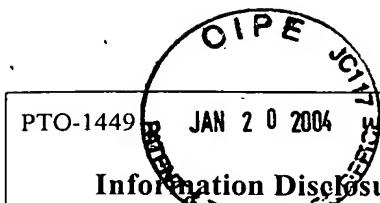
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N.	0 602 787 A2	10/18/93	EP	H04L	29/06	X	
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S.	International Search Report PCT US 01/41640	Mailed 8/21/02
T.	International Search Report PCT/US 01/31381 (064814.0209)	Mailed 11/7/02
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C.	5117407	05/26/92	Vogel	369	30	08/24/89
D.	5184179	02/02/93	Tarr et al.	355	206	07/31/91
E.	5207784	05/04/93	Schwartzendruber	221	6	07/29/91
F.	5239480	08/24/93	Huegel	364	479	02/12/91
G.	5255819	10/26/93	Peckels	222	1	03/18/91
H.	5282127	01/25/94	Mii	364	479	11/19/90
I.	5337253	08/09/94	Berkovsky et al.	364	479	09/24/93
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T.	Meet the Smart Coke Machine; The Sacramento Bee Business Technology; Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1995	8/30/95
U.	NetBotz Internet Article, "Welcome to Netbotz" at internet < <a href="http://www.netbotz.com">http://www.netbotz.com</a> >	Printed 5/10/00

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C.	5400246	03/21/95	Wilson et al.	364	146	08/05/92
D.	5445295	08/29/95	Brown	221	3	01/17/92
E.	5505349	04/09/96	Peckels	222	641	10/26/93
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G.	5561604	10/01/96	Buckley et al.	364	479.05	10/22/90
H.	5986219	11/16/96	Carroll et al.	177	1	01/14/98
I.	5608643	03/04/97	Wichter et al.	364	479.14	09/01/94
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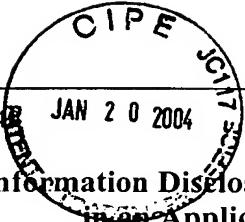
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S.	Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/853,366, entitled <i>Method and System for the Optimal Formatting, Reduction and Compression of DEX/UCS Data</i> filed May 11, 2001 by Defosse et al.	05/11/01
T.	Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/862,891, entitled <i>System and Apparatus for the Remote Monitoring and Control of a Computing Component</i> -Filed May 22,-2001 by Erin M. Defosse	05/22/01
U.	Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/899,527, entitled <i>Real-Time Alert Mechanism for Monitoring and Controlling Field Assets Via Wireless and Internet Technologies</i> filed July 5, 2001 by May et al.	07/05/01

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C.	5794144	08/11/98	Comer et al.	455	426	03/25/96
D.	5805997	09/08/98	Farris	455	461	08/01/94
E.	5815652	09/29/98	Ote et al.	395	183.07	05/30/96
F.	5818603	10/06/98	Motoyama	358	296	10/06/98
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T.	Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/895,647, entitled <i>Method and System for Interfacing a Machine Controller and a Wireless Network</i> filed June 29, 2001 by Defosse et al.	06/29/01
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D.	5892758	04/06/99	Argyoudis	370	335	09/27/96
E.	5898904	04/27/99	Wang	455	31.3	10/13/95
F.	5905442	05/18/99	Mosebrook et al.	340	825.06	02/07/96
G.	5905882	05/18/99	Sakagami et al.	395	500	01/24/96
H.	5907491	05/25/99	Canada et al.	364	468.15	04/04/97
I.	5909183	06/01/99	Borgstahl et al.	340	825.22	12/26/96
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O.	Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/426840; entitled <i>Method and System for Interpreting Information Communicated by Disparate Dialects</i> filed April 30, 2003 by May et al.	04/30/03
P.	Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/330366, entitled <i>Method and System for the Efficient Communication of Data with and between Remote Computing Devices</i> Filed December 27, 2002 by Defosee et al.	12/27/02
Q.	Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/208,221, entitled <i>Remote Data Acquisition and Transmission System and Method</i> filed July 30, 2002 by Erin M. Defosse	07/30/02
R.	Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/971,170, entitled <i>Remote Data Acquisition, Transmission and Analysis System Including Handheld Wireless Equipment</i> filed October 4, 2001 by Defosse	10/04/01
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E.	5941363	08/24/99	Partyka et al.	194	217	07/31/96
F.	5943042	08/24/99	Siiro	345	172	10/05/95
G.	5949779	09/07/99	Mostafa et al.	370	389	05/08/97
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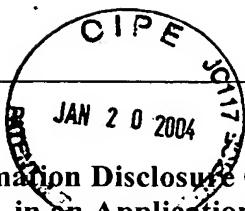
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C.	5991749	11/23/99	Morrill Jr.	705	44	09/09/97
D.	5997170	12/07/99	Brodbeck	364	479.06	11/03/97
E.	6003070	12/14/99	Frantz	709	206	02/25/97
F.	6005850	12/21/99	Moura et al.	370	282	08/21/96
G.	6012041	01/04/00	Brewer et al.	705	28	02/28/97
H.	6021324	02/01/00	Sizer II, et al.	455	403	06/08/95
I.	6021437	02/1/00	Chen et al.	709	224	07/14/97
J.	6029143	02/22/00	Mosher et al.	705	28	06/06/97
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C.	6056194	05/02/00	Kolls	235	381	8/28/95
D.	6057758	05/02/00	Dempsey et al.	340	539	5/20/98
E.	6061668	05/09/00	Sharow	705	400	11/10/97
F.	6072521	06/06/00	Harrison et al.	348	12	1/6/98
G.	6085888	07/11/00	Tedesco et al.	194	217	7/14/99
H.	6119100	09/12/00	Walker et al.	705	20	10/6/97
I.	6161059	12/12/00	Tedesco et al.	700	232	9/14/98
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